founder, remarked that he for one was deeply moved, as well he might be considering the small encouragement most of his well-wishers had given to any expectation of divine, or even ecclesiastical, support. The Rector of Stiffkey occupied many columns of newspaper space both during and after the proceedings which were taken against him; Dean Inge, since his retirement from the Deanery of St. Paul's, has contributed a weekly article to the *Evening Standard,* and it was a Bishop, Dr. Blunt, who precipitated the constitutional crisis which led to the abdication of King Edward VIII.

If, however, the Church appears to function with undirninished vigour, episcopal palaces all occupied, prebendary stalls all filled, each year some 600 deacons ordained, and some 3,000,000 persons more or less regularly receiving Holy Communion, in Liverpool two cathedrals in process of being built, new suburbs acquiring places of worship, missionary endeavour, though restricted, continuing—there are signs of decrepitude.

In 1930, Dr. Barnes, the Bishop of Birmingham, aroused a certain amount of public, or at any rate newspaper, indignation, by his somewhat scornful preference for scientific rather than theological explanations of the universe. Statements like: 'The Christian Church has never made the unguarded statement that Jesus was God/ could still shock; were at least worth reporting. The Anglo-Catholic movement was still strong, its annual Congress a notable event, and birettas still worn on Anglican heads with a certain defiance. Now heretical

utterances, however strong and by whomever made, tend to pass unnoticed, while a number of losses to the Church of Rome have thinned the ranks of the Anglo-Catholic leaders, and the flock's ardour has cooled.[7] Mr. T. S. Eliot remains, still Anglo, still Catholic,

[7] This statement in the *Church Times,* organ of the High Church Party in die autumn of 1937, suggests drooping spirits—'The Church of England is settling down to autumn work, and persons of imagination are asking themselves the searching question, What exactly are we trying to do, and how are we to set about doing it?*